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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION NEEDED FOR PLANNING
SUPPORT FOR MOPS PROGRAM

1) IN ORDER TO PROVIDE CONTINUED SUPPORT TO THE MOPS
PROGRAM THROUGH A CONTRACT WITH SPECTRAL DATA CORPORATION,
INFORMATION IS NEEDED REGARDING THE INTENTIONS OF THE GOM:

A. WHAT ARE THE ESTIMATED DATES ON WHICH THE MOPS
UNIT WILL CEASE OPERATIONS OR SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE ITS
LEVEL OF ACTIVITY?

B. AN AGREEMENT WAS REACHED WITH SR. GUSTAVO SOLIS
AND ING. J. ALBERTO VILLASANA, SUB-DIRECTOR GENERAL OF
CETENAL, THAT ADVANCED MAINTENANCE TRAINING OF CETENAL
TECHNICIANS WOULD OCCUR WHEN THE MOPS VANS IN MEXICO CITY
WERE OPERATIONAL. THIS AGREEMENT WAS REACHED IN MID-
FEBRUARY. IS IT STILL IN EFFECT? WHEN WILL THE VANS BE

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OPERATIONAL?

C. SPLIT VERTICAL MOUNTS ARE NOW IN MEXICO. USE OF THESE MOUNTS IS EXPECTED TO DOUBLE THE RATE OF COVERAGE OF THE MOPS SYSTEM, BUT PRELIMINARY TESTING IS REQUIRED. TESTING REQUIRES FLIGHTS OVER KNOWN POPPY FIELDS. WHEN CAN THESE TESTS BE PERFORMED?

2) DEPENDING ON RESPONSES TO THE ABOVE INQUIRIES, SHOULD CONTRACT FOR MOPS TECHNICIAN KARL GROTE.OHL BE EXTENDED BEYOND APRIL 15 AND IF, SO HOW LONG? KISSINGER

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